

T. E. Springer Retires

T. E. "Eric" Springer, a pioneer aviator whose 43-year aviation career extended from piloting fabric and wire planes to producing supersonic jets, announced his retirement this week.

Now vice president-general manager of Douglas Aircraft Co.'s El Segundo division, Springer will retire Sept. 1.

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THE FAIREST IN TORRANCE... Sharon Starns, 18, is crowned as "Miss Torrance" by last year's winner, Gaye Wilson, during Rancho Days festivities. Runners-up included (left to right) Margie Thompson, 23; Marli Fowler, 17; Miss Starns; Miss Wilson; Vera Roberson, 20, and Sharon Smith, 16. The queen contest is sponsored annually by the Torrance Area Youth Band, with 18 beauties vying for the coveted title.

Moore Development Co., Horkey Associates Joined in Merger

Merger of Horkey Associates, Los Angeles engineering firm, and Moore Development Corp., of Torrance, has been announced by E. J. Horkey, president of the new California corporation, to be known as Horkey-Moore Associates.

Administrative and engineering offices of the newly merged firm will be located at 24751 Crenshaw Blvd. and manufacturing and testing facilities are at 24680 Crenshaw Blvd., both in Torrance.

Research Firm

Horkey Associates, organized in 1956, is an engineering research, design and development firm specializing in aeronautical research and development, and associated investigations.

Moore Development Corp. specialized in experimental and prototype fabrication of aircraft components, and environmental testing for major aircraft manufacturers. Coinciding with the merger, the new company now has available in the testing division, facilities for vibration, high and low temperatures, high altitude, salt spray, sand and dust, and humidity testing.

Officers Told

In addition to Horkey, other new officers of Horkey-Moore Associates are: Joseph H. Moore, vice president-manufacturing and test; John N. Kerr, vice president-engineering; Edwin Stickle, treasurer; James J. Sloan, secretary. Walter J. Glover, formerly manager of customer relations for Horkey Associates, will serve the new corporation in a similar capacity.

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Bob Cat pins were awarded to Lynn Carr, Dell Hinkle, and Michael Hinkle.

Those earning Wolf awards were Arthur Mascareney, Robert Richardson, Darryl Blankenship, Bobby Sullivan, and Ronnie Kelso.

Bear awards went to Danny Lee Cook, Arthur Mascareney, Leonard Hamilton and Robert Richardson. Earning arrows were Arthur Mascareney, Leonard Hamilton, Robert Richardson, and Danny Cook.

Den One presented the closing ceremony and refreshments were served by Dens 7 and 8.

Cub Pack 755-C

Cub Pack 755-C, sponsored by the 223rd St. PTA met recently at Normandale playground with Mrs. Francis Anonia, PTA president, as a guest.

Theme of the month was "The Opera" with a skit presented by Den One (an interpretation of "Davy Crockett"). Den 8 entertained with an 8-piece hillbilly band. Den 3 presented a side show and Den 4 followed with a minstrel show. Darryl Blankenship imitated a well-known celebrity singing "Hound Dog."

Den Mothers receiving awards for completing their training course were Mmes. Betty Lehman, Eunice Blankenship, Virginia Olsen, Kay Richardson and Mary Hamilton.

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READING MATERIAL... Jim McDaniel with the safety education and driver testing trailer at Longren Aircraft Co. shows HERALD reporter one of the machines used to test eyesight.

Writer Takes Test; Finds She's Menace

By VONDA CARLTON

"I'm a menace on the highways. That's what I decided after drawing the assignment to interview a couple of safety engineers who have a safety education and driver testing trailer stashed out at Longren Aircraft Co.

Once out at the Interstate Indemnity Co.'s mobile unit, Roy G. Finley and Jim McDaniel—the proprietors of this devilish contraption—persuaded me to run the gamut of the testing machines.

Being game and operating on the theory you can't write about what you don't know about I went along for the ride.

First off there was the brake testing machine. When the red light comes on, slam on the brakes. Sounds simple huh? That's only the first booby trap.

Passing the first step gives you a feeling of confidence—Who says that women drivers aren't better than men?

Inside, they sit you down at a machine, glue your eyes to what looks like a pair of binoculars and you start reading. Believe me—what's inside this contraption doesn't read like "Forever Amber." Reminds me more of Dostoevski's "Crime and Punishment." After trying to make sense out of what was written on the screen they finally told me the test was just to read the letters—it really wasn't a condensed novel.

Then came the colored letters—not quite like watching customer relations for Horkey Associates, will serve the new corporation in a similar capacity.

Anyway, I get a passing grade on the machine and move onward and forward—just like Carrie Nation, I'm proving women are equal, if not superior beings.

That's the moment they chose to unglue me. What looked like simple gadget turns out to be the downfall of one would-be suffragette.

Handing me a little iron rod with a cord connected to it, I was supposed to run it up and down through a 1/2 inch space without touching the sides of the bars on either side. This tests your steadiness.

When you touch the side a bell rings. Well—I tried it six times and that trailer sounded like a bunch of Swiss bell ringers found the lost chord and were runnin' wild.

From there on out, it was a waste of time. Somehow I managed to pass the rest of

the tests including some dillies that were aimed at distance judgment, glare recovery (where they flashed bright lights in your eyes and then timed how long it took to recover your eyesight), braking and turning, peripheral vision, etc.

Then came the finale. Placing pegs in their proper holes. This I liked... it's a simple game like playing with blocks. Just my speed. The only thing they forgot to tell me was that they were holding a stop watch on this operation. Oh well.

Surprisingly enough, both men gave me an "A" (for effort I'm sure), and pointed out my car.

That's when I decided I'm a menace on the highway and better call a taxi.

But then, why use a taxi when I have my little red sports car. Everyone knows sports car drivers are crazy anyway.

'Light Up Sky' Held Over

Accent Theater's production of Moss Hart's comedy, "Light Up the Sky," will be presented again tonight, Friday, and Saturday, at the Torrance Playhouse, El Prado and Cabrillo Ave.

The play is a farce depicting the off-stage tribulations of persons in show business. The constant bickerings of the characters in the staging of the play-within-a-play, creates situations which result in a hilarious, laugh-provoking comedy.

An honor guest for the Friday performance will be Shirley Gardner Witty, "Miss California of 1956," who now resides in Torrance.

Because of the heavy sale of tickets for this week end, which was slated to be the final performances, the play will be held over until next week. It will be presented the evenings of Aug. 8, 9 and 10, with curtain time at 8:30 p.m.

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